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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

OPTIMIZED SUTURE BRAID

and invented by:

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If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

Enclosed are Application Elements:

- ☐ Filing Fee
- ☒ Specification having 14 page(s) and including the following:
- ☒ Title of the Invention
 - ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - ☒ Background of the Invention
 - ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - ☒ Description of the Drawings
 - ☒ Description of the Preferred Embodiment
 - ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ 9 Sheets of Drawings(s) (37 CFR 113) ☐ Formal ☒ Informal
- ☒ Oath or Declaration ☐ Executed ☒ Unexecuted
- ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☒ Power of Attorney ☐ Executed ☒ Unexecuted
- ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference -- The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under the above entry, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche (Appendix)

Accompanying Application Parts

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheets & documents(s))
- ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to _____
 - ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of ___ IDS Cited Reference(s)
☐ Preliminary Amendment
☒ Acknowledgment postcard
☒ Application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
☒ Application Data Sheet
☐ Request of NON-PUBLICATION of Application
☒ Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

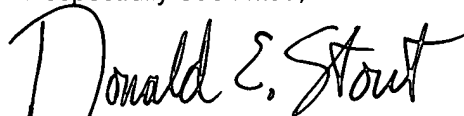
Fee Calculation and Transmittal

*The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by the accompanying preliminary amendment noted above.

CLAIMS AS FILED					
For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	33	- 20 =	13	X \$ 18.00	\$ 234.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3 =	0	X \$ 86.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$ 0.00
BASIC FEE					\$ 770.00
SUBTOTAL					\$1004 .00
(Application is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27) adjusted small entity status claim fees [rate ÷ 2]					yes
SMALL ENTITY STATUS					-502
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$502.00

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